THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Some Scientists working in the Indian Agricultural Research Institute submitted letters to the Direcor that they would withdraw from the teaching under the Post-graduate Educational Programmes with effect from 16 January, 1989. These letters, which were subsequently withdrawn, were written to press their demand for immediate revision of pay scales. The decision for revision of pay scales has been announced on 18th February, 1989.

Target of investment by Steel Authority of India Limited

348. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Steel Authority of India Limited has fixed up a target of investing Rs. 15,000 crores, over the next 12 years to increase production to 15 million tonnes; and

(b) if so, the break-up of this proposed investment project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) In 1987, Steel Authority of India Limited had formulated a Corporate Plan which envisaged production of around 15 MT of Steel by 2000 A.D. The tentative estimates of investments for implementing this plan were of the order of Rs. 15,000 crores at the current prices. The project-wise investments are expected to be finalised as they come up for approvals.

Technology Mission on Housing

349. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Technology Mission for the Housing problem; and

(b) if so the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The proposal for dealing with some aspects of 'Housing through a Technology Mission is still in its conceptual stage. It will take some more time to consider the relevent aspects and to take a decision.

Enquiry proceedings against guilty Officer in NCCF

350. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 950 given in Rajya Sabha on the 18th November, 1988 and state whether fresh charge sheet for initiating major penalty proceedings has since been framed and enquiry started against the guilty Assistant Manager of NCCF if so, the progress made in the matter and if not; the reasons for delay in starting the enquiry proceedings which have already been delayed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): NCCF have reported that the review of the case has been completed and it is proposed to take disciplinary action for which procedural formalities are being completed.

Action against guilty officer in NCCF

351. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 1845 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th November, 1988 and state whether any action has since been taken against the officer involved if so, the details of penalties imposed and the position of recovery of the amount from the officer involved?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): NCCF have reported that the case after investigation has been found serious enough to warrant imposition of major penalty which is under process.

Mid-term review of pilot projects for Watershed Development in rain-fed areas

352. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a mid-term review was made of the World Bank-aided Pilot Projects for Watershed Development in the rain-fed areas in the Southern States of the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the Review and the follow-up action taken by Government; and

(c) the funds earmarked during 1988-89 for Palghat in Kerala selected the above project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The mid-term review was made to re-assess the concept, design, allocation of fund, staffing pattern, components, etc., in the light of the performance of the project during first three years.

The exercise included field visits and detailed discussions by officers of participating States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra, Government of India and World Bank. In the light of lessons learned, more reliance would be placed on simple, replicable and cost effective technology based on vegetative measures, in-situ moisture conservation and appropriate cropping systems.

The review report has been sent to participating States for implementation.

(c) The Kerala State is not one of the participating States. Therefore, the question of earmarking funds to this State, does not arise.

इस्पात कारखानों में खनिजों का अंबार लग जाना

353. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
श्री पृथ्वी मांझी :

क्या **इस्पात और खान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश के इस्पात कारखानों में कोक, नट कोक, कोक चूरा और रेत कोक, लौह अयस्क का महीन चूरा धमन भट्टी राख (ब्लास्ट फर्नेस डस्ट) तथा चूना पत्थर का चूरा जैसे खनिजों का बहुत बड़ा भंडार एक पहाड़ी के रूप में इकट्ठी होता जा रहा है और उनकी मात्रा में दिन प्रति दिन वृद्धि हो रही है ;

(ख) क्या इनकी मात्रा के संबंध में कोई अनुमान लगाया गया है, यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या इस राष्ट्रीय संपत्ति को उपयोग में लाने के लिये कोई प्रस्ताव विचाराधीन है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है, और

(ङ) यदि इन खनिजों का मूल्य निरंक्य अर्थात् गणना में परे माना गया है तो इनका संग्रह किये जाते रहने के क्या कारण है ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री माखन लाल फोतेदार) : (क) से (ङ) प्रश्न के भाग (क) में उल्लेखित सभी मदें, इस्पात संयंत्रों में प्रोसेस के दौरान मिलने वाली मदें और धातुकर्मीय अपशिष्ट